

HOUSE BILL 1823

By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to  
use of the drug ritalin in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The state board of education shall review the policies of local education  
agencies concerning employees or persons under contract with the LEA recommending  
the use of psychotropic drugs to treat children enrolled in elementary or secondary  
schools. Psychotropic drugs are defined as prescription medications for behavioral or  
social-emotional concerns, such as attention deficit, impulsivity, anxiety, depression, and  
thought disorders. Psychotropic drugs include such medications as ritalin, adderall,  
dexadrine and other stimulant medication, and anti-depressants. The state board shall  
report to the select oversight committee on education concerning its findings and  
recommendations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.